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LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ARRESTED ON DRUG CHARGES

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[Text] Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, 23 Sep -- Rafael Aguilar Guajardo, coordinator for the Federal Security Directorate of Chihuahua, Durango, and Coahuila, was arrested and arraigned on charges of drug possession, drug smuggling, and illegal import of firearms into the country.

In addition to Aguilar Guajardo, six more people were arrested on the same charges, in Torreon, Coahuila.

At the moment of his arrest, he had 1 ounce of cocaine, 2 grams of marijuana, and one Browning 9-mm pistol. He was immediately arraigned before the appropriate authorities in order to start legal proceedings.

The man detained owns a hotel, a nightclub, several houses, a shop, and about eight fine-breed cattle fattening ranches, in Torreon and Chihuahua.

Judicial Police Commander Guillermo Gonzalez made the announcement of the coordinator's arrest, and added that Aguilar was immediately turned over to judicial officials.

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MARIJUANA PLANTATION DESTROYED -- Approximately 80 hectares planted with marijuana were discovered by members of the Mexican Army and the federal judicial police near Apatzingan, Michoacan. The attorney general said with the Army's support the plantations were destroyed, including camps, warehouses, and areas used to dry the marijuana. These actions are reported to be part of the Pacific VII antidrug operation. [Summary] [Mexico City EL DIA in Spanish 24 Sep 86 p 2 PA]

ARMY DESTROYS DRUGS -- Tepic, Nayarit, 25 Sep -- Today, the Army destroyed at their installations at military camp No 13, marijuana and poppies worth more than 640 billion pesos as part of the Canador Operation. General Edmar Euroza Delgado, chief of the military zone, reported that during the last trimester, 206 drug plantations were destroyed, over an area of 2,080,869 square meters, plus 37 warehouses, 178,378 growing plants, as well as 192,920 plants inside polyethylene bags. Regarding Operation Lightning, which took place from 7 to 17 August, Euroza reported that 3.53 kg of marijuana seeds, 3 kg of poppy seeds, 23 kg of marijuana small seeds, and 520,000 pesos paid as a bribe to the "flying patrol" were collected. [Excerpt] [Mexico City UNOMASUNO in Spanish 26 Sep 86 p 11 PA]